

TALK OF NEW WARD LINES

Some Councilmen and City Officials Favor Redistricting.

TO OBVIATE SECTIONALISM

Promoters of Plan Believe Change Would Stop "Line-ups" of East End and Central Section Against Each Other.

With the coming into office of the new city council, talk of the revision of the ward lines of the city, which was first started more than a year ago, has been revived and it is probable that this matter will take definite shape before the council in October or November.

Almost ever since the ward lines were changed so as to divide the city into four wards instead of seven wards, the representatives from the Second and Third wards on the east side of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway yard, and the senators from the First and Fourth wards have been lined up against each other on many propositions and the result has been the delay in the passage of many important measures.

Sectionalism Prevails. With the wards arranged as they are, the city is split into half with the railway yard as the boundary line. In every council the feeling of sectionalism has prevailed and the First and Fourth wards and the Second and Third wards have almost continually been at large heads.

The plan now being discussed by some of the councilmen and city officials is a division of the city into two wards with the dividing line running east and west. This would obviate all sectionalism and portions of East End and the central part of the city would be included in each ward.

Reduce Number of Councilmen. Another argument advanced by the supporters of this plan is the possibility of the reduction of the number of council from twenty-four to fourteen. It is proposed to have four members of the lower branch from each of the two wards, making eight members in the common council, and three members of the board of aldermen, making six members in the upper branch.

With the number of councilmen reduced it would be much easier to get a quorum of either body and, it is claimed, business could be transacted much quicker than it is at present.

DR. S. J. PORTER RESIGNS. Baptist Missionary Secretary Goes to San Antonio Church.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 26.—Rev. Dr. S. J. Porter, 84½ secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, has resigned that office and accepted a call to the First Baptist church, San Antonio, Texas. He will leave Richmond about September 15.

Dr. Porter came to Richmond nearly four years ago, and since that time has been unusually prominent in his work winning popularity on every hand. But on account of the great amount of traveling which is necessary to the position he occupies, Dr. Porter has found it imperative that he give it up to accept a pastorate. This he has done in order to be more with his family.

The charge which he has accepted is one of the largest and wealthiest in the Southwest.

SOVEREIGNTY HAS CEASED.

Korea Accepts Mutshito as Absolute Ruler.

(By Associated Press) SEOUL, Korea, Aug. 26.—The Associated Press is permitted to state that Korean sovereignty has ceased and that Mutshito, emperor of Japan, will become absolute ruler of Korea next Monday, when the agreement between Emperor Yi Syek, of Korea, and Mutshito, which was signed August 22, will be officially promulgated.

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NEWS OF SHIPPING

Dull Along the Waterfront.

Yesterday was the quietest day of the month along the waterfront, only two vessels entering port and five getting underway during the day. There are but comparatively few vessels here for cargoes of coal and for the first time this month some of the docks are idle. Several vessels are expected in port today and shipping men anticipate activity in shipping circles early next week. Thus far the month has been a good one and the coal dumps promise to be rather heavy.

Completing Repairs to Elevator.

Repairs to Chesapeake & Ohio elevator A, which began last winter, are practically completed. New sheet metal covering has been placed on the upper portion of the immense building on the west end of the structure and the entire exterior of the elevator has been painted. The letters, "C. & O. Ry." are painted in white on the south side of the structure and the letter "A" is painted in white on the west end of it.

Coal For Havana.

The British steamer Evelyn, Captain Higginbotham, of the Hull Line, arrived in port yesterday from New York to load 4,500 tons of coal for Havana, Cuba. She will get underway early next week.

Four Schooners Sail.

Four schooners finished loading cargoes of coal here yesterday and got underway. They were the William E. Downes, Lucinda Sutton, Ellen M. Golder and Eagle Wing.

Bark Snowdon to Discharge.

The British bark Snowdon, Captain Bray, which arrived Wednesday from Rosario, is still anchored in the stream, but she is expected to dock today to discharge at Chesapeake & Ohio pier No. 8. She has a cargo of scrap bone aboard.

Work Nearly Completed.

Having had two new boilers installed at the shipyard, the Chesapeake & Ohio ferry steamer Virginia will come out from the yard either Sunday or Monday and after being refurnished at Chesapeake & Ohio pier No. 4, will resume her runs between this city and Norfolk.

Friday, August 26, 1910.

Arrived. Steamer Evelyn (Br.), Higginbotham, New York—to United States Shipping Company in ballast.

Steamer Bay View, Cummings, New Haven—to White Oak Coal Company in ballast.

Sailed.

Schooners William E. Downes for Jacksonville, Fla.; Lucinda Sutton for Bangor; Ellen M. Golder for Boston; Eagle Wing for Allyn's Point.

Barge Dunlo for Boston.

Calendar for Today. Sun rises 5:31 a. m. Sun sets 6:42 p. m. High water 2:28 a. m., 3:10 p. m. Low water 8:45 a. m., 9:42 p. m.

Weather at Cape Henry.

CAPE HENRY, Va., Aug. 26.—Clear, wind southwest, twelve miles, smooth sea.

SHIP COMES FROM ERIE BASIN FOR REPAIRS

Strike on at New York Shipyard—Claimed That Men Are Here to Get Strike Breakers.

According to members of the Central Labor Union, a steamer came into port yesterday from the Erie Basin shipyard, New York, and went to the shipyard to be repaired. It is said that the repairs to the vessel were started at Erie Basin, but that they could not be completed because of the strike now on at that shipyard.

Officials of the Central body said last night that an agent from Erie Basin is here getting workmen from the shipyard to go to Erie Basin as strike breakers. It is claimed that the agent is offering the men their board and fare to New York and extra pay if they will work at New York thirty days.

Fifteen Thousand Out.

(By Associated Press) MANCHESTER, N. H., Aug. 26.—Fifteen thousand employees of the Amoskeag Cotton Manufacturing Company were thrown out of work today when the seventeen mills of the plant closed for a period of 15 days. Certainty of production was the reason of the shutdown.

Killed by Lightning.

LINCOLN, N. C., Aug. 26.—Standing around a well, where his mother and five other women had gathered to draw water, Theodore Gilbert, five years old, was instantly killed and all the women more or less seriously hurt by a bolt of lightning from almost a clear sky this afternoon. The injured are expected to recover.

Million for Tuskegee.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—By the death of Mrs. Flora Dotger, who died at her home in South Orange, N. J., today the bulk of her estate, estimated to be worth \$1,000,000 will go to Tuskegee Institute, of which Booker T. Washington is the head. The German hospital, of Philadelphia, receives \$100,000.

Don't forget the excursion Sunday, 27.

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WOODSTOCK BOYS FAST

Valley Firemen Win Reel Race First Prizes.

LAST DAY OF CONVENTION

Eagle Engine Company's Fleetfooted Runners Make Poor Showing in State Contest, But Spruce Up in Race Open to All Corners.

(Special to The Daily Press.)

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Aug. 26.—Woodstock carried off the honors here today in the reel races under the auspices of the Virginia State Firemen's Association, capturing two prizes amounting to \$150. Luray came next with one prize of \$100 and Harrisonburg next, with one at \$50.

The races started shortly before 11 o'clock, and did not conclude until 4:30 o'clock. A drizzling rain fell throughout the morning and the best part of the afternoon, causing most of the spectators to return to their homes. Notwithstanding the rain many remained until the conclusion of the races.

The road was heavy from the rain, and consequently no records were broken. The contestants, however, put up some pretty good runs, and were greatly applauded. The course was 150 yards on a macadam roadway and the prizes were given for the best time in making plug connections and throwing water with a single nozzle hose. The length of the hose was 250 feet.

For State Trumpet.

The first race for State association companies only was for a prize of \$100 and the custody of the State association trumpet. Eight competitors entered. The time was as follows:

Harrisonburg, 28 seconds; Eagle Engine Company, No. 3, Newport News, 45 seconds; Woodstock, 34 seconds; Front Royal, 35 seconds; Lexington, 40 seconds; Strasburg, 35 seconds; Shenandoah, 35 seconds; Luray, 34 seconds. Luray was declared the winner of this race. Woodstock, Strasburg and Shenandoah all having tied, contested for the second prize.

This race was run off last and was for \$50. It was won by Woodstock.

The World's Race.

The second race, open for all companies, with a first prize of \$100, and a second of \$50, was also entered into by the same companies, and won by Woodstock. The time follows: Harrisonburg, 31 4/5 seconds; Newport News, 32; Woodstock, 31 4/5; Front Royal, 33; Lexington, 36; Strasburg, 52 3/5; Shenandoah, 38; Luray, 33.

Harrisonburg and Woodstock having tied this race the run off was between them for first and second prizes, and Woodstock won the first prize, with 32 3/5 seconds, and Harrisonburg the second, with 33 1/5 seconds.

Luray Boys Enthusiastic.

During the afternoon the Luray boys, enthusiastic over their victory, purchased tin pans and formed a band. They marched over the course and were given a rousing welcome by the spectators as they played of their improvised instruments. The Woodstock boys also were very enthusiastic over their victory and enjoyed themselves this evening. The awards were made at the rooms of the chamber of commerce, following the races, by State Treasurer T. J. Williams. Most of the visitors left tonight for their homes. The remaining firemen will leave tomorrow.

VICTIMS NOW NUMBER SEVEN.

H. J. Jeffers Identifies Body of His Wife.

(By Associated Press) Durand, Mich., Aug. 26.—H. J. Jeffers, of Washington, D. C., tonight almost positively identified as his wife the body that was yesterday identified as Mrs. Lewis Squire, of Chicago, and the dead victims of Wednesday night's wreck on the Grand Trunk railroad, are now quite identified as Mrs. Lewis Squires, of A sack of bones overlooked yesterday by the undertaker is believed to contain the body of Mrs. Squire.

Among other people for whom inquiries are being made is Miss Belle Scott, who was en route to Toronto, Ont.



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COOK WITH GAS

A QUEER TOURNAMENT

By ANDREW C. EWING

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"How is it, Mr. Martindale," said Miss Ashby, "that you men talk to each other as you do? Whenever you and your chum, Mr. Warren, are together you say all sorts of mean things to each other, but I don't see that either of you gets angry."

"Oh, we understand each other," "I wonder if Sadie and I could do that."

"No, you couldn't without quarreling."

Miss Ashby was silent for a moment, then said, "I'm going to try." "I'll bet you a pound of candy against a cigar that you quarrel."

"I'll take the bet."

It was agreed between us that the two girls should have a talking tournament while they played a game of tennis. Dick Warren to furnish remarks for Miss Blanchard, to be thrown in occasionally, and I to do the same for Miss Ashby. Umpires were appointed, and we all met by appointment at the court.

We permitted the girls to play for awhile without furnishing any remarks, during which time they said what they considered very trying things to each other, laughing all the while and congratulating themselves on their ability to maintain good humor. After the first set had been played Dick and I, each standing by the girl he was to talk through, began to put in an occasional word, producing the following bits of dialogue:

"You give me another ball like that," said Miss Ashby, "and I'll swipe you with my racket."

Miss Blanchard only smiled.

"Now you're showing your rhinoceros tusk," pursued Miss Ashby.

Miss Warren ceased to smile. Indeed, she looked very sober. The tooth referred to was a bluish to her beauty. Dick made her retort.

"That remark was one of your own. You weren't told to say it at all. I think it real mean of you."

"Dence!" cried Miss Ashby at my suggestion, claiming 10 points more than she was entitled to.

"You know very well its 30-40. What do you want to grab points like that for?"

"If you knew," retorted the other, "what a mad looking thing you were when you said that you'd put your head to soak."

Miss Blanchard tried to laugh, but was too sensitive to laugh at a remark which was untrue.

"I say, Clara," she said when her opponent failed to take a ball she served, "if you'd stop looking sweet at Mr. Martindale you'd play a better game. Everybody knows what you're up to in that direction."

Dick scored one in putting that remark into Miss Blanchard's mouth. Miss Ashby threw down her racket.

"I don't care," she said. "It doesn't make any difference whether you were prompted to say that or not; you had no right to say it." Her face was fiery red, and her eyes were snapping.

Miss Blanchard had not got over the remark about her tusk and seemed to take a malicious pleasure in saying what Dick told her to say, sometimes breaking into short bits of irritating laughter.

"Sadie, if you don't stop that giggling you'll drive me crazy," I made Miss Ashby remark.

"Oh, don't be silly! You're making a poor show of yourself. You should have brought a handglass."

"You'd better have brought one yourself," retorted Miss Ashby. "If you had you'd have kept your tusk hidden."

Miss Blanchard dropped her racket and strode off the field.

"I didn't suppose," she said hotly, "that this was to be a tournament of insults."

Miss Ashby followed her, walking erect and with great hauteur. "I think you two men had better finish it," she said.

"Done!" exclaimed both Dick and I, and, picking up the rackets, we began to play and to chaff. We both have physical defects and did not refrain from delicate mention of them.

"Now I'm going to take you in the bald spot on your forehead," from Dick.

"And I'll knock one of those spindle pins from under you. Forty-three."

"Thirty-four, you mean. Pity your first baby lessons were in lying."

"You know very well you've just out of jail for perjury."

"Now I'm going to put a ball between those bow legs of yours. I could throw a barrel between 'em."

"Which eye are you looking at me with—the upper or the lower?"

When we had sent these delicate compliments for awhile we threw our arms around each other and kissed, after the European fashion, on both cheeks. This we did to show our superiority in the matter of good nature to the girls. The umpires decided that I had won the bet, but sentenced me to pay it.

"I have no desire whatever," said Miss Ashby, tossing her head, "to excel at any such game."

"Nor have I," Miss Blanchard chimed in.

"I'll admit," I said by way of apology, "that it's far more pleasant for friends to say nice things to each other."

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